

Luke. Just as sure as you would have to write your name three times, just so sure the commission teaches these three actions. It cannot be analyzed, parsed, or diagrammed without teaching three actions. Many admit that this formula favors Trine Immersion, but they say there is no other evidence. We believe the arguments already produced are sufficient to prove Trine Immersion to the unbiased; yet we claim more additional evidence than can be produced for any other baptism.

2. Baptism of suffering in the garden. Luke 12: 50; 22: 42; Matt. 26: 39-44. Many profound scholars, pedobaptists and single immersionists claim this a type of water baptism. Plunged and overwhelmed in sorrow, a type of being immersed in water. On his knees, three times he fell forward on his face, a type of three forward acts in baptism.

3. The three days and three nights of Christ's burial a type of Trine Immersion. It was just three days and nights from the time Israel killed the lamb until they were across the Red sea. They believed and were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. A type of three days and three nights of Christ's burial; and both typical of three actions in baptism. We will show in our historical references that the early Christians in the first and second centuries considered the burial of Christ typical of Trine Immersion. The three nights represent the applicant while under water, the three days while out.

4. *Baptizo* favors Trine Immersion. Many Greek verbs ending in *zo* are frequentatives. See Bullions' Greek grammar. Andrew and Stoddard says they "express a repetition . . . of the action expressed by the primitive." Example: *bapto to dip*, baptizo, to dip repeatedly. *Bapto* meaning to dip, by adding *zo* to the word, ought to add something to its meaning, otherwise the addition would be useless that something is the sign of repetition. Putman in his grammar, also Rast lay this down as a principle of the Greek language. Stephen and Vassius say: "THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES OF RECENT DATE IN LEXICOGRAPHY HAVE DECIDED IN THE SAME WAY."

5. Trine Immersion is the only baptism that represents trinity in unity. There is no trinity represented or symbolized by single immersion. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost each has a special work of his own. The Father sent his Son, and not the Son the Father, the Son and not the Father died for our sins, the Father sent the Spirit that made known the Father and the Son, not the Spirit sent the Father. They also are one in a

very real sense. God is a separate personality, but by the Holy Ghost Christ dwells in God, so Christ has a separate existence, but by the Spirit God dwells in him, likewise the Holy Ghost is a separate personality, but in Him dwell both the Father and the Son. God is the Creator but the Son and the Spirit assisted. Christ came as our Savior, yet he was conceived, anointed, baptized, and resurrected by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost as a permanent abider in the church, but he brought the mind of God and Christ and implanted them into the human heart. Hence they are not a *triad* but a *trinity*, a *three-one God*. How beautiful Trine Immersion represents this mysterious triune God. We go into the water up to the waist, and placing the applicant three times under water, the lower part of the body being under all the time, represents unity; the rest put under three times symbolizes trinity. Hence it is the *only* baptism that represents the *triune* God.

6. Bowing the head. "Every knee shall bow." Rom. 14: 11. See also Phil. 2: 9, 10. How appropriate it is to kneel before God, with bowed head, self buried beneath the wave, to enter into the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. This position shows humility and respect. Only by a face forward Trine Immersion can this humble entrance into the triune God be symbolized.

7. The Philadelphia Church. In Rev. 3: 10, we learn that this church should stand all through the Gospel age. Gibbon the skeptic makes this honest statement. "Philadelphia alone has been saved by prophecy or courage." Dr. Durbin says, "The candlestick has never been removed." For 1800 years this church has baptized by Trine Immersion and does to this day.

8. The Catholic Church for fifteen centuries baptized by Trine Immersion except in cases of severe sickness. They acknowledge this, but they claim the Pope had the power to change it.

9. Fully nine-tenths of the Christian world at the present time practice three actions. *Illustration*: If you wanted to go to Chicago and nine-tenths of your neighbors would say the railroad is unsafe and one-tenth say it was safe, but all would say another road safe, which would you likely take. All orthodox Christian churches admit that Trine Immersion is valid, but only one tenth admit Single Immersion.

10. The Greek Church. Alex. Campbell, a Single Immersionist says, "The Greek Church never to this day has given up the primitive practice." He says further, that this is not only the argument

of many millions, but of many million Greeks, who ought to know their own language better than any other people. "Some seventy-five or hundred million of such vouchers on a mere question of fact would out-weigh the world."

11. Trine Immersion, admitted valid by all churches of note is the only non-sectarian baptism in the world. When once performed it will take you into any church of note without rebaptism.

12. HISTORICAL.

(a) "As Jesus remained three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, so the three immersions represent the three nights and the three emersions the three days."—Dionysius, the Areopagite, born in the first century, Baptism and Baptisteries, p. 34.

Tertullian says:

"Christ appointed baptism to be administered not in the name of one, but three, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, therefore we are dipped, not once but thrice, into every person."—Duncan's History of Baptism, p. 129.

(b.) Origin of single immersion.

"The Eunomians not with Trine Immersion, but with one immersion, baptizing, as they said, into the Lord's death." Philostorgius' A. D. 364.

Theodoret, born A. D. 363, an eminent historian says:

He, Eunomius, subverted the holy law of baptism which had been handed down from the beginning FROM THE LORD AND THE APOSTLES, and made a contrary law, asserting that it is not necessary to immerse the candidate thrice nor to mention the names of the trinity, but to immerse only once into the death of Christ"—Chrystal on Bap. p. 78.

About A. D. 600 we have the first case of single immersion that the commission was used, and at the Fourth Council of Toledo where all Spain was represented, they decided that both trine and single immersion were right. See Crystal p. 144, 145. All the rest of the world practiced Trine Immersion.

Origin of backward action of single immersion. Thomas Muntzer, on the 1 day of March 1522, was the first case baptized by backward single immersion.

We desire to emphasize the following:

1. Matt. 28: 19 cannot teach less than three actions.

2. We have given an array of argument independent of the commission stronger than can be produced for any other baptism.

3. The oldest baptism in history is Trine Immersion, and before we have a hint of any other. Tertullian declared it was practiced by Christ and the apostles.

4. When single immersion was first introduced, the historian declared that it was a subversion of the law of baptism, and that Christ and the apostle practiced Trine Immersion.

5. It is a fact that no historian has been able to find a single case of backward action of single immersion before the first day of March 1522.